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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

February 12, 2023

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Prelude and Fugue in C J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God Ellacombe

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)
Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives. May we never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Son Jesus, fulfill the law in perfect love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin,

so that, as you come to us in mercy,

we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 341 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine Assurance

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ, and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the baptismal font for a

Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

Unison

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are those who keep God's decrees,

who seek him with all their heart,

who also do no wrong, but walk in God's ways.

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your law.

Then I shall not be put to shame,

having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

I will praise you with an upright heart,

when I learn your righteous ordinances.

I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

Anthem In Christ Alone, How Deep the Father's Love Townend/Getty
Daniel Whitaker, soloist

Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 430 Come, Sing, O Church in Joy

Darwall's 148th

The congregation sits.

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-26

Sermon

But Jesus Says to Us

Mike Krech

“But I say to you, that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment.”

Matthew 5:22a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 401

When Will People Cease Their Fighting?

Rustington

Apostles' Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

I Want To Be A Christian

arr. Mary McDonald

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 538

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Sicilian Mariners

Worshippers are invited to sit and conclude worship through the postlude.

Or, you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

Postlude

On Coronation

arr. Jason D. Payne

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We are in the season after Epiphany with Gospel lessons focused on events early in Jesus' earthly ministry, primarily from Matthew's Gospel, where today's reading is from the Sermon on the Mount.

JMK

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt.;

Tune ELLACOMBE;

Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtebergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long (Repeat)
Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
(Refrain)

Text: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873;

Tune: ASSURANCE; Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873

Come, Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Come, sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
Let courage be our friend, Let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!
Come, sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Text: Brian Dill, 1988;

Tune: DARWALL'S 148th; John Darwall, 1770

When Will People Cease Their Fighting?

When will people cease their fighting? When will armies wage no war,
Nations conquer not their neighbor, Weapons idle, used no more?
When will guns and bombs be silent? When will captives be set free?
All creation groans in longing For the world's true liberty.
Floods and earthquakes, drought and famine, Plague the world with awesome ill,
But far greater is war's horror Caused by human, stubborn will.
Blest are those who, working praying, Purpose in their hearts to be
Instruments of peace, committed To the nations' harmony.
As we strive for peace with vigor, Hoping to be shown the way,
We are strengthened in the knowledge Of a future, perfect day;
For we know that deeper, richer Peace is our when Christ shall reign:
Then will all our swords be plowshares And God's children free from pain.

Text: Constance Cherry, 1986;

Tune: RUSTINGTON; C. Hubert H. Parry, 1897

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace,
O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound,
Ever faithful, ever faithful To the truth may we be found.

So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us, Glad Thy summons to obey,
May we ever, may we ever Reign with Thee in endless day.

Text: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773; Stanza 1, line 6, alt. 1774 Conyers' *Collection of Psalms*
Stanza 3 alt. Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS; Sicilian melody